Pending electricity bills in TAFCO

2080. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending accumulated electricity bills with the TAFCO Limited;

(b) the reasons of accumulation of such electricity bills;

(c) whether it is a fact that the bills on account of electricity charges were raised by Kanpur Electricity Supply Administration consequent upon High Court orders;

(d) whether production have been adversely affected; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) (a) Electricity bills amounting to Rs. 33.95 lakhs received for the peroid upto November, 1993 are pending with the company. Though the power supply to the two factories remains discounected with effect from November, 1993, minimum charges at the rate of Rs. 2.76 lakhs per month are payable for the subsequent months. However, no bills for this period have been received by the Company.

(b) Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. (TAFCO) had been incurring continuous losses and was not generating adequate internal resources to meet its liabilities including payment of electricity charges.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The actual production during the last 4 years has gone down drastically due to various reasons including disdonnection of power supply to the factories.

Appointment of Chief Executives/Managing Dirtctors in PSUs

2081. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed during the year 1997 some Chief Executipes/Managingn Directors of some PSUs under his Ministry's administrative jurisdiction without properly verifying the past records of the incumbents,

(b) whether such incumbents were allowed to take over on a festival day and a closed holiday for minority community;

(c) whether Government had taken such incurement at the intance of some private sector; and

(d) if so, the facts and detaiils thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN). (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Impact of imports on Indian Industry

2082. DR. MOHAN BAHU:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent announcement of Government giving facilities for the import of 542 articles in the country has adverse affected Indian industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of articles included in the above list which are of daily use common consumer and which are reserved for small scale sector; and

(d) whether Government have provided incentives to the industrial units which are producing above articles so that they can successfully compete wtih the imported articles?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Export-Import Policy for 1997-2002 has put large number of items under the Open General Licence (OGL) and Special Import Licence (SIL) as